MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Suggestions were received from various Municipal Councils and as some of the Councils wanted one or two more amendments to be included in the draft Bill, the introduction of the Bill in the Council had to be postponed. Government have now directed the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil to prepare two Bills to amend the Municipal Regulation as a whole.

(*c*) Government are aware that the absence of specific provisions in the existing Municipal Regulation for the recovery of license fees is causing some difficulty.

(*d*) The Additional Head Sirkar Vakil has stated that the matter will receive attention in the preparation of the new Bills.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*): With reference to the answer to parts (*a*) and (*b*), may I know from the member the nature of the amendment suggested by this Council?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There are several amendments which have been referred to the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil. It was decided later that the Bill need not be taken up. The preparation of two fresh Bills has been ordered and they are now under consideration.

Construction of the road from Thrikariyur road to Vettilapara.

40. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long it is since an allotment was made in the Budget for opening a road from the Trikariyur road to Vettilapara;

(*b*) how many miles of the said road from the Thrikariyur road have been completed so as to be fit for cart traffic;

(*c*) whether any work has been done on that road till the 20th Kanni 1106; and

(*d*) whether the Chief Engineer inspected this road in 1927 and noted in his circuit diary that the same should be completed immediately?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Five years.

(*b*) About $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles.

(*c*) The earth work portion of the first and second sections of the road has been almost completed except in portions where land has not been acquired. The masonry works are also in progress. The work is not progressing at present pending acquisition of land; and the Land Revenue Commissioner has been asked to expedite acquisition proceedings. The work will be proceeded with after the land acquisition is over.

(*d*) Yes. He inspected the road in 1927 and left instructions to expedite its construction.

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